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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Key West Bureau--March 1983

**I. GENERAL**

The effort to recruit monitor/editors for Key West experienced a dramatic change during the month as ads placed in newspapers in San Juan, Puerto Rico, drew more than 660 responses. Resumes flooded in from 23 states, the Virgin Islands and even from Puerto Rico. There were MDs, lawyers, professors, teachers, social workers, journalists, students, librarians, croupiers, mechanics and others. The applicants ranged in age from 18 to 74. Thirty of the best resumes were selected through the application of highly sophisticated criteria and these persons will undergo further testing in Puerto Rico during May.

**II. OPERATIONS**

Technical

The bureau's all important baby Beverage antenna had to be repaired for the second time after being damaged by road construction work around--originally intended to be through--the antenna field.

**III. ADMINISTRATION**

**Building and Grounds**

(1) The most critical and hazardous part of the bureau expansion project--the replacement of the old, heavily corroded aluminum power cables with new copper cables, connected to three newly installed 250 KVA transformers--was accomplished without problems or loss of coverage on 13 March. During the changeover operation--some 7 and 1/2 hours--the old part of the bureau was supplied with power from the bureau's auxiliary generator.

(2) Nearly all of the interior work--the central air conditioning system, ceilings, fluorescent and other light fixtures, soundproofing of the future monitor's room, electrical wiring, installation of cable trays and downfeeds to each monitoring position, installation of the kitchen and new bathroom--has been completed. The final testing of the air conditioning system will take place within the next few days. Exterior walls have received their first coat of paint and exterior security and door lights have been installed and hooked up.

Some work in the old portion of the building will begin as soon as general activity can be moved into the new section.

#### IV. VISITS

Early in the month, [ ] project engineer for the bureau's expansion visited for inspection of the work in progress. This will be his last visit until the final checkout inspection when the contractor has finished.

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TDYer [ ] a Paraguayan monitor, arrived on 28 March to replace TDYer [ ] who left the bureau at the end of the month.

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#### V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The bureau chief represented FBIS at a Naval Security Group Activities change-of-command ceremony in which the present NGS chief, Lt. Comdr Marshall Murray, was replaced by Lt. Comdr Peter Korinis. Korinis was invited to visit the bureau's new facilities within the next month and he expressed great interest doing so.